

REMARKS

Claims 44-79 were presented for examination in the present application. The instant amendment cancels non-elected claims 64-79 without prejudice. Thus, claims 44-63 are presented for consideration upon entry of the instant amendment.

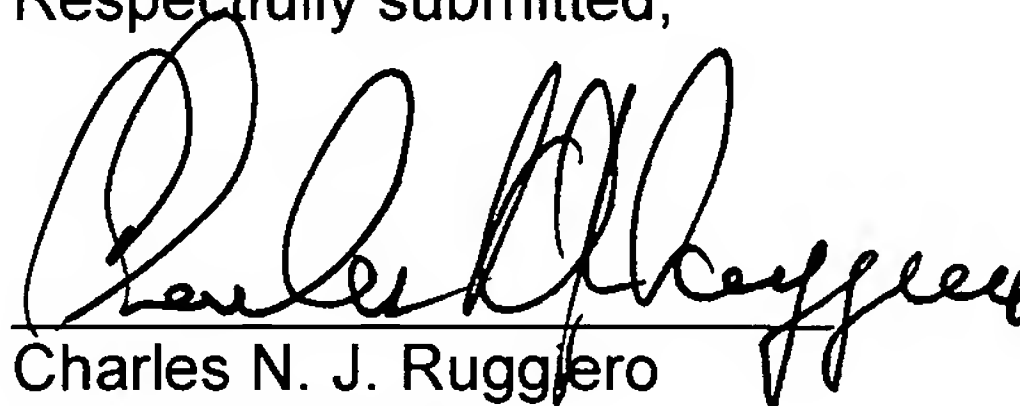
Applicants respectfully reserve the right to file a divisional application directed to the non-elected subject matter.

The Office Action requires restriction among the apparatus of Group I (claims 44-63), the process of Group II (claims 64-78), and the fiber of Group III (claim 79).

Applicants elect the apparatus of Group I, which includes claims 44-63.

In view of the above, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for examination. Applicants respectfully request favorable consideration and passage of this application to allowance. If for any reason the Examiner feels that consultation with Applicants' attorney would be helpful in the advancement of the prosecution, the Examiner is invited to call the telephone number below.

Respectfully submitted,



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